I would be curious if this organization would consider the ability for radio companies to turn off AM stations that have translators and keep the FM translator as just a low power FM station or something of that nature.

As electricity costs continue to go up and maintenance/repair/engineering/tower site location costs are hitting operations hard in our market and probably the majority of markets across the state and nation. It would be a welcome change to be able to turn off and unload the cost of some of these smaller signals that are proportionately mostly listened to on the FM band or station stream.

We have 2 in our market that would help out our budget on a noticeable scale if we were allowed by the FCC to turn off and essentially give up the AM frequency but keep the FM Translator stations and continue to operate them. We have an AM that we would not turn off the AM signal of yet. Its coverage area is larger than the FM translator signal and we do not air music on it. However, it would be nice to be able to choose that as an option even for that station to prepare for a possible future situation that would dictate or be the most advantageous to remaining in operation as a broadcast company in our market.

Deregulation of this might be a great option for radio broadcasters to remain financially solvent and continue to provide a service to their communities.